UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

Plaintiff,

Docket No.: 07-CV-10303

(PAC)

-against-

NOTICE OF MOTION

BLANDFORD CONSTRUCTION CORP., CHRISTOPHER LICKMAN, and KEN LICKMAN

Defendants.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that upon the annexed Affirmation of Adam I. Kleinberg, dated January 30, 2008, and upon all prior pleadings and proceedings, the undersigned will move this Court before the Honorable Paul A. Crotty, on a date and time to be designated by the Court, at the United States Courthouse for the Southern District of New York, located at 500 Pearl Street, New York, New York 10007, for an order granting plaintiff, UNITED NATIONAL INSRUANCE COMPANY, a default judgment as against defendants BLANDFORD CONSTRUCTION CORP., CHRISTOPHER LICKMAN, and KEN LICKMAN, pursuant to Rule 55 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, declaring that UNITED NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY is not obligated to defend or indemnify defendants BLANDFORD CONSTRUCTION CORP., CHRISTOPHER LICKMAN, and KEN LICKMAN in the action entitled 152 Wooster Street Corp. vs. Tribeach Holding, LLC, 160 Wooster Street, LLC, Flintlock Construction Services, LLC, Blandford Construction Corp., and Thomas O'Hara Architects, PLLC, Index Number 106005/06, in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County, on the ground that they have failed to timely answer and/or otherwise move with respect to the complaint in this action, and for such other and further relief as this Court

deems just, equitable, and proper.

Dated: Mineola, New York January 30, 2008

MIRANDA SOKOLOFF SAMBURSKY SLONE VERVENIOTIS LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff UNITED NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY

By:

Michael A. Miranda (MAM-6413) Adam I. Kleinberg (AIK-0468) 240 Mineola Boulevard The Esposito Building Mineola, New York 11501 (516) 741-7676

Our File No.: 07-602

TO: Blandford Construction Corp. 60 Coffey Street
Brooklyn, NY 11231

Christopher Lickman 629 Maple Avenue Elizabeth, NJ 07202

Ken Lickman 19 Zaleski Drive Sayreville, NJ 08872-1860 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY,

Docket No.: 07-CV-10303 (PAC)

Plaintiff,

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DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR A DEFAULT JUDGMENT

BLANDFORD CONSTRUCTION CORP., CHRISTOPHER LICKMAN, and KEN LICKMAN

ADAM I. KLEINBERG, an attorney duly admitted to practice law before this Court and aware of the penalties of perjury, declares the following:

- 1. I am a member of the Bar of this Court and am a partner with the firm of MIRANDA SOKOLOFF SAMBURSKY SLONE VERVENIOTIS LLP, attorneys for plaintiff in the above-entitled action, and I am familiar with all the facts and circumstances in this action.
- 2. I make this declaration pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. Pro. 55 and Local Rules 55.1 and 55.2 for the Southern District of New York, in support of the plaintiff's application for the entry of a default judgment against the defendants, BLANDFORD CONSTRUCTION CORP., CHRISTOPHER LICKMAN, and KEN LICKMAN.
- 3. Plaintiff, UNITED NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY (hereinafter "UNITED NATIONAL"), commenced this action seeking a declaration that it has no duty to defend or indemnify any of the defendants with respect to claims asserted in the underlying action entitled 152 Wooster Street Corp. vs. Tribeach Holding, LLC, 160 Wooster Street, LLC, Flintlock Construction Services, LLC, Blandford Construction Corp., and Thomas O'Hara Architects, PLLC, Index Number 106005/06, in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County (the "underlying action"). A copy of the Summons and Complaint are

attached as Exhibit A.

- 4. Jurisdiction of the subject matter of this action is afforded under 28 U.S.C. §1332 and is based on diversity of citizenship and an amount in controversy in excess of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs. In this regard, plaintiff is a Pennsylvania corporation, defendant Blandford Construction Corp. is a New York corporation, defendant Ken Lickman is a resident of the State of New Jersey, and defendant Christopher Lickman is a resident of the State of New Jersey.
- 5. This Court has personal jurisdiction over defendant Blandford Construction Corp. by virtue of it being a New York corporation and because it was served within the State of New York through its registered agent. Personal jurisdiction over defendants Ken Lickman and Christopher Lickman is based upon their both being served with a Summons and Complaint and upon their doing business in New York as the principals of Blandford Construction Corp.
 - 6. None of the defendants in this case is an infant or incompetent.
- 7. This action was commenced on November 14, 2007 by the filing of the Summons and Complaint. See Exhibit A.
- 8. A copy of the Summons and Complaint was served on defendant Blandford Construction Corp. on November 20, 2007. A copy of the Affidavit of Service is attached as Exhibit B.
- 9. A copy of the Summons and Complaint was served on the defendant, Ken Lickman on November 20, 2007. A copy of the Affidavit of Service is attached as Exhibit C.
- 10. A copy of the Summons and Complaint was served on defendant Christopher Lickman on November 20, 2007. A copy of the Affidavit of Service is attached as Exhibit D.
 - 11. Defendants BLANDFORD CONSTRUCTION CORP., CHRISTOPHER

LICKMAN, and KEN LICKMAN have not answered or otherwise moved with respect to the Complaint and the time for the defendants to do so has now expired.

- 12. On January 8, 2008, this firm sent a letter to all three defendants informing them that their answers to the Complaint were overdue and that, if they did not answer promptly, plaintiff would move for a default judgment. Since that time, all three defendants remain in default. A copy of the January 8, 2008 letter is attached as Exhibit E.
- 13. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that plaintiff UNITED NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY is entitled to a default judgment against non-answering defendants, BLANDFORD CONSTRUCTION CORP., KEN LICKMAN, and CHRISTOPHER LICKMAN.
- 14. WHEREFORE, plaintiff, UNITED NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY, respectfully requests that this Court enter an order and judgment declaring that plaintiff is not obligated to defend or indemnify defendants, BLANDFORD CONSTRUCTION CORP., KEN LICKMAN, and CHRISTOPHER LICKMAN in the Underlying Action, together with such other and further relief as this court deems just, equitable and proper.

Dated: Mineola, New York January 30, 2008

ADAM I. KLEINBERG (AIK-0468)

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CASE NUMBER: CV 10303

JUDGE CROTTY,

TO: (Name and address of Defendant)

Blandford Construction Corp. 60 Coffey Street Brooklyn, NY 11231

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve on PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY (name and address)

MIRANDA SOKOLOFF SAMBURSKY SLONE VERVENIOTIS LLP Attn: Michael Miranda 240 Mineola Boulevard Mineola, New York 11501

an answer to the complaint which is served on you with this summons, within thirty (30) days after service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. Any answer that you serve on the parties to this action must be filed with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable period of time after service.

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Plaintiff, UNITED NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY ("UNITED NATIONAL"), by its attorneys MIRANDA SOKOLOFF SAMBURSKY SLONE VERVENIOTIS, LLP, complaining of the defendants, alleges as follows:

THE PARTIES

- 1. At all times hereinafter mentioned, plaintiff has its principal place of business at Three Bala Plaza East, Suite 300, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania 19004.
- 2. At all times hereinafter mentioned plaintiff was and still is a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- 3. At all times hereinafter mentioned, plaintiff was authorized to issue policies of insurance in the State of New York.
- 4. At all times hereinafter mentioned, defendant BLANDFORD CONSTRUCTION CORP. ("BLANDFORD") was and still is a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York, with an agent for service of process at 15 McKay Place, New York, New York.

- 5. That upon information and belief, at all times hereinafter mentioned, BLANDFORD has business offices located at 60 Coffey Street, Brooklyn, New York 11231.
- 6. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, CHRISTOPHER LICKMAN AND KEN LICKMAN (the "LICKMANS") were and are the principals of BLANDFORD.
- 7. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, defendant CHRISTOPHER LICKMAN resided at 629 Maple Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202.
- 8. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, defendant KEN LICKMAN resided at 19 Zaleski Drive Sayreville, New Jersey 08872-1860.

JURISDICTION

- 9. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction due to diversity of citizenship and an aggregate amount in controversy in excess of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 in that the claim arose in this district.
- 10. A controversy exists between the parties as to the coverage afforded under a policy of insurance and the provisions of said policy.
- 11. Circumstances exist that justify the determination by the Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2201, of the rights and obligations of the plaintiff as to the provisions of the aforesaid policy of insurance, a determination that will be beneficial to both plaintiff and defendant.
 - 12. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

THE UNDERLYING ACTION

13. 152 Wooster St. Corp. commenced an action in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, captioned <u>152 Wooster St. Corp. v. Tribeach Holdings LLC</u>, <u>160 Wooster Street LLC</u>, Flintlock Construction Services LLC, Blandford Construction Corp.

H. Thomas O'Hara, Architects, PLLC, Index Number 106005/06, for property damage allegedly sustained by 152 Wooster Street on July 21, 2003. (the "152 Wooster Action")

THE UNITED NATIONAL POLICY

- 14. Plaintiff UNITED NATIONAL issued to defendant BLANDFORD, a policy of insurance, numbered L7166051, which afforded the defendants certain commercial liability coverage for the policy period November 8, 2002 to November 8, 2003 (the "Policy").
- 15. The Policy provided coverage subject to its terms, conditions, limits, exclusions and endorsements.
- 16. That UNITED NATIONAL has been providing BLANDFORD with a defense in the 152 Wooster Action pursuant to this policy at no cost to BLANDFORD and/or the LICKMANS.

AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

- 17. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in the paragraphs of the complaint numbered "1" through "16" as if fully set forth at length herein.
 - 18. The Policy provides in pertinent part:

SECTION IV-COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY CONDITIONS

- 2. Duties In the Event Of Occurrence, Offense, Claim Or Suit
 - c. You and any other involved insured must:

(3) Cooperate with us in the investigation or settlement of the claim or defense against the "suit"; and

- (4) Assist us, upon our request, in the enforcement of any right against any person or organization which may be liable to the insured because of injury or damage to which this insurance may also apply.
- 19. Plaintiff has continuously attempted to secure the cooperation of BLANDFORD, and the LICKMANS in the 152 Wooster Action.

- 20. That BLANDFORD and the LICKMANS have failed to cooperate with and assist UNITED NATIONAL by ignoring requests to contact their chosen defense counsel and investigators assisting in the defense of the 152 Wooster Action.
- 21. That BLANDFORD specifically and the LICKMANS have ignored requests to attend a court ordered examination before trial and refuse to communicate and/or assist with UNITED NATIONAL and its defense team in the defense of the 152 Wooster Action.
- 22. That furthermore, BLANDFORD and the LICKMANS have failed to cooperate with UNITED NATIONAL and its defense team in terms of a scheduled inspection of the property at issue.
- 23. That BLANDFORD and the LICKMANS have failed to assist UNITED NATIONAL by failing to provide pertinent information and documents relevant to the defense, such as relevant contracts.
- 24. That UNITED NATIONAL, its investigators; and defense counsel in the 152 Wooster Action have repeatedly and continuously attempted to secure BLANDFORD's and the LICKMANS' cooperation through letters; diligent investigation and other efforts which were reasonably calculated to obtain BLANDFORD's and the LICKMANS' cooperation.
- 25. Despite UNITED NATIONAL's diligent investigation and efforts which were reasonably calculated to obtain BLANDFORD's and the LICKMANS' cooperation, BLANDFORD's and the LICKMANS' attitude has been one of willful, avowed and deliberate obstruction and non-cooperation.
- 26. UNITED NATIONAL has been severely prejudiced by BLANDFORD and the LICKMANS in that their non-cooperation will result in an application by 152 Wooster to strike BLANDFORD's answer, and otherwise preclude it from presenting evidence on their behalf.

- 27. That coverage is thus vitiated by virtue of BLANDFORD and the LICKMANS' breach of the aforesaid cooperation condition precedent to coverage.
- 28. Accordingly, coverage is no longer afforded to BLANDFORD or the LICKMANS pursuant to the Policy, as to any claims against them or any other party in the 152 Wooster Action or any action related to the claims giving rise to the 152 Wooster Action.
- 29. By reason of the foregoing, UNITED NATIONAL has no duty to defend and indemnify BLANDFORD or the LICKMANS, in the 152 Wooster Action or with respect to any and all claims made and suits brought in any action related to the claims giving rise to the 152 Wooster Action.
- 30. By reason of the foregoing, UNITED NATIONAL is entitled to a declaration that it has no duty to defend and indemnify BLANDFORD and provide the LICKMANS with coverage in the 152 Wooster Action or with respect to any and all claims made and suits brought in any action related to the claims giving rise to the 152 Wooster Action.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff UNITED NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY prays that judgment be made and entered herein:

- (a) declaring that plaintiff is not obligated to defend BLANDFORD
 CONSTRUCTION CORP., CHRISTOPHER LICKMAN, or KEN LICKMAN, in the 152
 Wooster Action, any related action or any claims giving rise thereto;
- (b) declaring that plaintiff is not obligated to indemnify BLANDFORD CONSTRUCTION CORP., CHRISTOPHER LICKMAN, or KEN LICKMAN, in the 152 Wooster Action, any related action or any claims giving rise thereto; and

(c) granting to plaintiff such other and further relief as this Court deems just, proper and equitable under the circumstances, together with the costs and disbursements of this action.

DATED: Mine

Mineola, New York November 13, 2007

MIRANDA SOKOLOFF SAMBURSKY SLONE VERVENIOTIS, LLP

Attorneys for Plaintiff

UNITED NATIONAL INSURANCE

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Ву:_

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January 8, 2008

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Re:

United National Insurance Company v. Blandford Construction

Corp., Christopher Lickman, and Ken Lickman.

Our File No. 07-602

Gentlemen:

We represent United National Insurance Company in the above referenced declaratory judgment action, which was filed in United States District Court for the Southern District of New York on November 14, 2007. We have obtained affidavits of service showing that each of the above named defendants was served on November 20, 2007. Your answers were due thirty (30) days from the date of service.

We are writing to inform you that your answers are overdue and that if we do not receive them in a timely fashion, we will commence a default action against the three named defendants in the above referenced matter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

MIRANDA SOKOLOFF SAMBURSKY SLONE VERVENIOTIS LLP



Michael A. Miranda